Issue of Ration Cards on the Basis of Income

97. SHRI. K.H. MUNIYAPPA:
SHRI. C.P. MUDALAGIRIYAPPA:

Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) whether some Ration Cards holders draw only sugar and not rice or wheat from the Fair Price Shops;

(b) if so, the reasons thereof;

(c) whether the Government propose to issue ration cards on the basis of income; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTRY OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF CIVIL SUPPLIES AND PUBLIC DISTRIBITION (SHRI KAMALUDDIN AHMED):(a) and (b) Drawal of items from PDS outlets is at the discretion of consumers and the Government is not aware of details in this regard.

(c) and (d) There has been no change in the policy of the Government regarding the issue of ration cards. The PDS as at present is universal in character and does not distinguish the beneficiaries on the basis of income.

[*Translation*]

Computer aided Centres for small Industry in Bihar

98. SHRI. RAM SHARAN YADAV: Will the PRIME MINISTER be pleased to state:

(a) Whether the Union Government propose to set up Computer Aided Design and Computer Aided Machine Centre, Tool Rooms and Prototype Design Centres, for small scale industries in Bihar; and

(b) if so, the details there?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (PROF. P.J. KURIEN): (a) There is no proposal to set up Prototype Design Centre in Bihar. However, the Central Tool Room & Training Centre (All Indo-Danish Project) with Computer Aided Design and Computer Aided Machine facilities is being established at Jamshedpur in Bihar.

(b) The Agreement between the two Governments was signed in June 1989. The Project has been cleared by Cabinet committee on Economic Affairs in March 1991. The details of the project cost, as approved by CCEA, is as under.

State Government Contribution

infrastructure towards land, building & infrastructure
Rs. 375.00 lacs

Danish Government Contribution

towards Machinery, equipment

Advisers, Fellowships, etc.
Rs. 852.00 lacs

Govt. of India contribution towards indigenous machinery,
Rs. 1436.00 lacs
Customs Dutty, Taxes and recurring expenses for 5 years
Rs 2645.00 lacs.
(BASE YEAR1988).....

The Society of the Tool Room has been registered. The land has already been earmarked for the project.